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NCAA Division I-AA Leaders

All-Time Winning Percentage					
School	Yrs	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. Florida A&M	48	345	102	15	.763
2. Grambling State	38	291	94	12	.748
3. South Carolina State	54	279	151	26	.640
4. Southern	59	336	184	22	.640
5. Western Kentucky	62	339	187	28	.637
6. Jackson State	35	208	123	7	.626
7. Alcorn State	57	263	171	36	.598
8. Eastern Kentucky	57	292	206	25	.582
9. Middle Tennessee	64	322	230	27	.579
10. Delaware	89	403	296	42	.572

Total Victories			
School	Wins	School	Wins
1. Lafayette	485	6. Florida A&M	345
2. Lehigh	432	7. Western Kentucky	339
3. Bucknell	425	8. Southern	336
4. Delaware	403	9. Idaho State	325
5. Massachusetts	353		

Active Coaches—Winning Percentage					
Coach, School	Yrs	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. Harold Raymond, Delaware	15	128	40	2	.759
2. Eddie Robinson, Grambling St.	38	291	94	12	.748
3. Rudy Hubbard, Florida A&M	7	55	21	2	.718
4. Jimmy Feix, Western Ky.	13	93	38	5	.702
5. Roy Kidd, Eastern Ky.	17	121	53	6	.689
6. Bob Curtis, Bucknell	10	60	30	2	.663

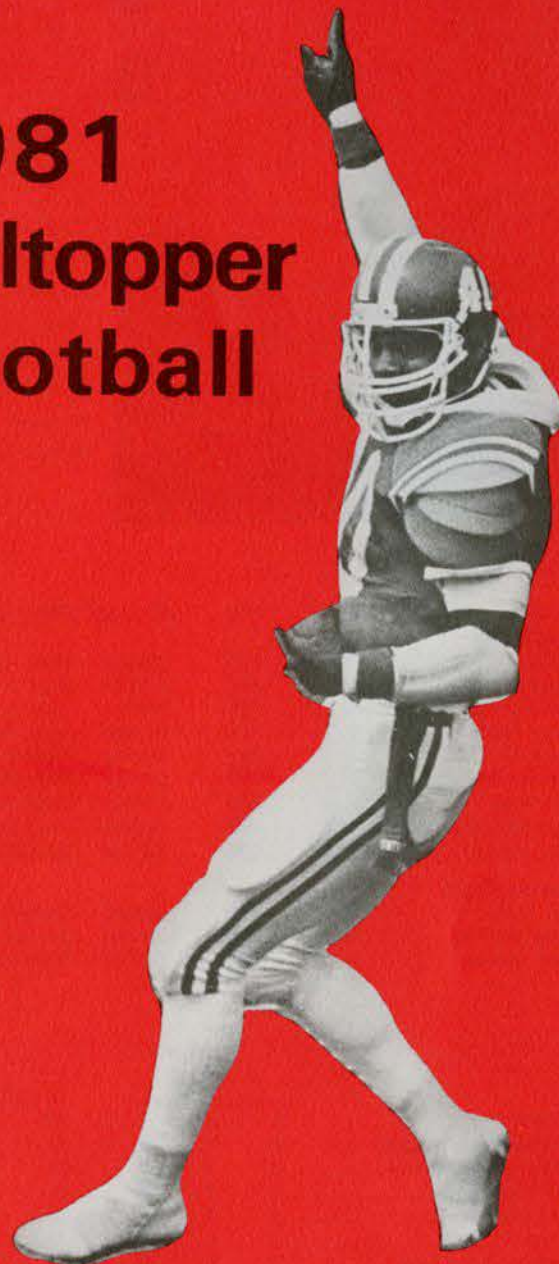
University Information

Location: Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101
 Conference: Ohio Valley, NCAA
 Nickname: Hilltoppers Colors: Red and White
 President: Dr. Donald W. Zacharias
 Enrollment: 13,339
 Chairman, University Athletic Committee: Dr. John D. Minton
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 Assistant Head Coach: Butch Gilbert
 Defensive Coordinator: Bill Hape
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 Offensive Backfield Coach: Sam Clark
 Defensive Backfield Coach: Larry Walker
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1981 Hilltopper Football



Ohio Valley Conference Champions

1952 — 1963 — 1970 — 1971 — 1973 — 1975 — 1978 — 1980

Jimmy Feix



1980
OVC
Coach-of-
The-Year

Tim Ford



1980
All-American
Defensive
End

Western Kentucky University



Coach Jimmy Feix

The 1981 season will be Jimmy Feix's 14th as head coach of the Hilltoppers, but his name has been closely connected with winning football at Western Kentucky for much longer than that.

His association with Western gridiron successes began in September, 1949, when he came to the campus as a freshman quarterback from Henderson, Ky. In his senior year, 1952, he and his Hilltopper teammates tied for the Ohio Valley Conference championship and added a Refrigerator Bowl win over Arkansas State to finish with a 9-1 record.

At the same time, Feix was earning Little All-America honors for himself. When his collegiate playing days were over, the New York Giants of the National Football League drafted him and he was impressive in pre-season drills, but a serious injury early that fall ended his pro career.

Feix returned to Western in 1957 after four years in the U. S. Air Force. He served as a graduate assistant that first year while completing the requirements for the Master's degree, then became a full-time assistant under former Hilltopper Head Coach Nick Denes the following season.

Feix was named head coach in December, 1967, when Denes retired from active coaching. In 1968, his "rookie" season as head coach, Feix led Western to seven wins against only two losses and a tie with nationally ranked—and bowl-bound—Akron.

In 13 seasons, his Hilltoppers have won or shared the coveted league championship six times, in 1970, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1978 and 1980.

His 1973 team was the first undefeated, untied team in Western history, finishing the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record while leading the nation's Division II teams in scoring at 37.7 points per game.

The '73 Hilltoppers then entered the first-ever NCAA Division II national championship playoffs and finished second, winding up the season with an overall 12-1-0 record.

Western went to the NCAA playoffs again in 1975 and again finished as the No. 2 team in the nation, finishing 11-2-0.

He rallied his 1978 squad from an injury-riddled 1977 campaign when the Hilltoppers fell to 1-8-1 and last place in the conference to an 8-2 mark and the OVC crown. The Western comeback was the most impressive turnaround performance in the nation in 1978.

Feix was named Kodak College Division Coach-of-the-Year Division Four in both 1973 and 1975. He also won OVC Coach-of-the-Year honors and was honored similarly by the *Louisville Courier-Journal* and *Inside Kentucky Sports* magazine in 1973. He also won league Coach-of-the-Year laurels in 1978 and 1980.

One of the most successful and respected mentors in the game, Feix goes into the 1981 campaign with a career coaching record of 93 wins against only 38 losses and 5 ties, for a winning percentage of .702. His 13 Hilltopper teams have won 63, lost 24, and tied 2 in Ohio Valley Conference competition, a .719 percentage.

A frequent lecturer at football clinics, Feix has been a primary influence in the organization and continuation of the activities of Western's chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



Butch Gilbert



Bill Hape



Clarence Baker



Sam Clark



Larry Walker

The Assistant Coaches



Bob Rafferty

1981 Schedule

Date	Opponent (Series Record)	Site/Time (Central)
Sept. 5	Evansville (13-3-2)	Evansville, Ind./7:30 pm
12	Delaware (0-0-0)	Bowling Green, Ky/1:00 pm
19	Kentucky State (1-0-0)	Bowling Green, Ky/1:00 pm
26	*Austin Peay (22-3-1)	Clarksville, Tenn/7:30 pm
Oct. 3	open date	
10	*Youngstown State (3-2-0)	Youngstown, Ohio/12 noon
17	*Tennessee Tech (23-20-1)	Bowling Green, Ky/1:00 pm
24	*Eastern Kentucky (34-18-2)	Richmond, Ky/1:00 pm
31	*Morehead State (31-6-2)	Bowling Green, Ky/1:00 pm (Homecoming)
Nov. 7	*Akron (1-4-2)	Akron, Ohio/6:30 pm
14	*Middle Tennessee (25-21-1)	Murfreesboro, Tenn/1:30 pm
21	*Murray State (23-18-6)	Bowling Green, Ky/1:00 pm

*Ohio Valley Conference Game.

Home games in boldface type.

1980 Results

(9-1-0 Overall; 6-1-0 OVC, Champion)

Date	Opponent (crowd)	W-L	Score WK-Opp
Sept. 6	Evansville (13,000)	W	40-18
13	at Kentucky State (5,393)	W	30-8
20	at Akron (23,506)*	W	8-2
27	Austin Peay (15,500)*	W	20-14
Oct. 4	open date		
11	Youngstown State (12,500)	W	42-17
18	at Tennessee Tech (11,600)*	W	28-17
25	Eastern Kentucky (19,700)tv-1*	W	13-10
Nov. 1	at Morehead State (6,000)tv-2*	W	17-7
8	Middle Tennessee (20,100)*	W	30-15 (Homecoming)
15	open date		
22	at Murray State (15,800)*	L	0-49

Attendance: 143,099 (average — 14,310)

Home: 80,800 (average — 16,160)**

Road: 62,299 (average — 12,460)

**Western's average home attendance (16,160) ranked sixth among NCAA Division I-AA schools. Only Southern U. (29,708), Grambling State (27,898), Boise State (19,966), Delaware (19,628) and Jackson State (16,846) outdrew the Hilltoppers at home.

*Ohio Valley Conference game.
 Home games in boldface type.

tv-1 — Televised, ESPN, delayed
 tv-2 — Televised, ABC-TV, live.

1981 Football Outlook

Western Kentucky University will put many of last year's successful youngsters onto the football field as a group of seasoned veterans when it opens its 1981 grid season in September.

The Hilltoppers will be returning 16 starters from last year's 9-1 outfit, including all but one regular from the defense that yielded only 12 points a game through its first nine contests.

Gone will be linebacker Bryan Gray, but the 'Toppers' top four tacklers return. Heading the list is All-American lineman Tim Ford. As a junior, the Valley Station native led WKU in tackles with 111, including seven for losses. Ford was one of only four juniors on the Kodak national I-AA all-star squad.

The Hilltoppers will return three other All-OVC performers on defense—end Donnie Evans (68 tackles including eight for losses), cornerback Lamont Meacham (four interceptions and eight passes broken up) and safety Barry Bumm (91 tackles including two for loss and two interceptions).

Western will return the bulk of its offensive lineup but the vacancies will be tough to fill. WKU lost two-time All-OVC quarterback John Hall, the conference Offensive Player-of-the-Year in 1979.

"John will be tough to replace but both Antone (Ralph) and Jagers (Marty) have experience and are very capable of doing the job," said Hilltopper Head Coach Jimmy Feix.

Antone, a junior, saw considerable action late last season. And, Jagers, a senior, has been used often as Hall's backup throughout his career.

Western will return three of its four top rushers including All-OVC pick Troy Snardon. Snardon carried 157 times for 905 yards as a junior, an average of 5.8 per carry. Nate Jones is the only running back lost and Elmer Caldwell and Jo-Jo Lee have proven themselves capable of taking over at tailback.

Also returning will be All-OVC wide receiver Jerry Flippin who caught 18 passes for 410 yards last year.

The obvious and most challenging absences in the WKU lineup will be the entire strong side of the offensive line. The 'Toppers lost guard Pete Walters, Phil Rich and tight end Ricky Gwinn to graduation. All three were selected first-team all-conference in 1980 and Walters was a first-team All-American pick by both Kodak and the Associated Press.

"We've got to come up with people in that strong side of the line," Feix said. "That's a key thing right now."

Western will have one half of its kicking game back. Walk-on Jim Griffiths (15-16 PATs, 6-10 FGs) will be back to handle the placekicking duties. However, Ray Farmer, one of the school's best punters ever with a 42.4 average last season will be gone and those duties will probably belong to junior Mike Miller.



Western's Red Towel

Western Kentucky University's red towel tradition originated with the late E.A. Diddle, former Hilltopper coach and athletic director and a member of the Naismith, Helms Athletic Foundation and Ohio Valley Conference Halls of Fame.

Through 1,062 Hilltopper basketball games—759 of them victories, the fourth highest total ever for a coach—Diddle clutched a red towel.

The red towel became synonymous with Ed Diddle and Ed Diddle became synonymous with Western's winning athletic heritage. For years it has been traditional for fans at every Hilltopper sporting event to wave red towels as they cheer for the "Big Red." Coach Diddle passed away in 1970 at the age of 74, but his memory will live as long as a red towel waves on the Western campus. And red towels will wave there as long as the Hilltoppers compete in intercollegiate athletics.



Fans Jam
19,250 - Seat
L.T. Smith Stadium
in
Red Towel
Territory

Hilltopper Football All-Americans

1952—Jimmy Feix, *Quarterback*
1957—Jim Hardin, *Guard*
1963—John Mutchler, *End*
1964—Jim Burt, *Halfback*
Dale Lindsey, *Fullback*
1970—Lawrence Brame, *Def. End*
1971—Jimmy Barber, *Linebacker*
1973—Mike McCoy, *Def. Back*
Porter Williams, *Split End*
1974—John Bushong, *Def. Tackle*
Virgil Livers, *Def. Back*
1975—Rick Green, *Linebacker*
1977—Chip Carpenter, *Guard*
1980—Tim Ford, *Def. End*
Pete Walters, *Guard*



BRAME



LIVERS



FORD



WALTERS

Post-Season Appearances

The Hilltoppers have appeared in a total of eight post-season games, six of them as a part of their participation in the NCAA Division II national playoffs in both 1973 and 1975.

Here is the complete rundown:

1975—NCAA Division II Playoffs
Western 14, Northern Iowa 12
(First Round; Cedar Falls, Ia.)
Western 14, New Hampshire 3
(Semifinals; Rice Bowl, Baton Rouge, La.)
Western 14, Northern Michigan 16
(Finals; Camellia Bowl, Sacramento, Calif.)

1973—NCAA Division II Playoffs
Western 25, Lehigh 16
(First Round; Bowling Green, Ky.)
Western 28, Grambling 20
(Semifinals; Rice Bowl, Baton Rouge, La.)
Western 0, Louisiana Tech 34
(Finals; Camellia Bowl, Sacramento, Calif.)

1963—Tangerine Bowl (Orlando, Fla.)
Western 27, Coast Guard Academy 0

1952—Refrigerator Bowl (Evansville, Ind.)
Western 34, Arkansas State 19

1980 All-OVC Selections

Player	Ht.	Wt.	'80 Class	Position
First Team				
Barry Bumm	6-0	175	Junior	Deep Back
Donnie Evans	6-4	240	Junior	Down Lineman
Ray Farmer	5-11	180	Senior	Punter
Jerry Flippin	5-8	165	Junior	Wide Receiver
Ricky Gwinn	6-2	220	Senior	Tight End
Lamont Meacham	6-0	170	Junior	Deep Back
Phil Rich	6-4	260	Senior	Offensive Tackle
Troy Snardon	6-0	205	Junior	Running Back
Pete Walters	6-3	255	Senior	Offensive Guard
Second Team				
Tim Ford	6-4	245	Junior	Down Lineman
Greg Gallas	6-1	225	Junior	Center
Nate Jones	5-10	185	Senior	Running Back

1980 Ohio Valley Conference Finish

School	OVC			Overall		
	W	L	T.....	W	L	T
1. Western Kentucky	6	1	0.....	9	1	0
2. Eastern Kentucky	5	2	0.....	10	3	0
Murray State	5	2	0.....	9	2	0
Austin Peay	5	2	0.....	7	4	0
5. Akron	2	4	1.....	3	7	1
6. Morehead State	2	5	0.....	4	7	0
Middle Tennessee	2	5	0.....	2	8	0
8. Tennessee Tech	1	6	0.....	4	7	0

Western OVC Football Title Years

Year	OVC Record	Overall Record	Coach
*1952	4-1-0	8-1-0	Jack Clayton
1963	7-0-0	10-0-1	Nick Denes
1970	5-1-1	8-1-1	Jimmy Feix
1971	6-1-0	8-2-0	Jimmy Feix
1973	7-0-0	12-1-0	Jimmy Feix
*1975	6-1-0	11-2-0	Jimmy Feix
1978	6-0-0	8-2-0	Jimmy Feix
1980	6-1-0	9-1-0	Jimmy Feix

*Co-champion.

1981 Veterans Roster

Name	Pos.	Cl-L	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
Tony Anthony	FB	So-0	6-2	207	Bowling Green, Ky. (Warren East)
Ralph Antone	QB	Jr-2	6-2	195	McMurray, Pa. (Peters Township)
Greg Barnes	BB	Jr-1	6-1	195	Prospect, Ky. (Canton, Ill.)
Jeff Bender	QB	So-0	5-11	188	Tampa, Fla. (Jesuit)
Mark Blackburn	G	Sr-3	5-10	215	Cobb, Ky. (Caldwell Co.)
Barry Bumm	FS	Sr-3	6-0	175	Owensboro, Ky. (Catholic)
Elmer Caldwell	FB	Sr-3	6-0	190	Hickman, Ky. (Fulton Co.)
Marvin Cottrell	FS	Jr-1	5-10	180	Harlan, Ky. (Evarts)
Marvin Davis	PK	Sr-3	6-0	175	Madisonville, Ky. (North Hopkins)
Mark DeRuzzo	CB	Jr-1	6-1	170	Louisville, Ky. (Eastern)
Tony Eatherly	DE	So-1	6-0	215	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
Danny Embree	CB	So-1	5-8	169	Buffalo, Ky. (LaRue Co.)
Donnie Evans	DE	Sr-2	6-4	240	Franklin, Ky. (Franklin-Simpson)
Ronnie Fishback	CB	So-1	5-11	169	Shelbyville, Tenn. (Central)
Jerry Flippin	SpE	Sr-3	5-8	165	Franklin, Ky. (Franklin-Simpson)
Tim Ford	DE	Sr-2	6-4	245	Valley Station, Ky. (Stuart)
Tom Fox	BB	Jr-2	6-4	230	Parma, Ohio (Parma)
Greg Gallas	C	Sr-3	6-1	225	West Jefferson, Ohio (West Jefferson)
Paul Gray	LB	So-1	6-2	213	Owensboro, Ky. (Daviss Co.)
Jim Griffiths	PK	Jr-1	6-1	185	Glen Burnie, Md. (Old Mill)
Ron Hunter	FI	Jr-2	5-11	185	Princeton, Ky. (Caldwell Co.)
Marty Jagers	QB	Sr-3	6-0	190	Cadiz, Ky. (Trigg Co.)
Tony Jarrell	SpE	Sr-1	5-10	170	Cincinnati, Ohio (Princeton)
Reginald Johnson	SS	Jr-2	6-2	205	Tampa, Fla. (Hillsboro)
Alan Jones	G	Jr-1	6-1	210	Louisville, Ky. (Fern Creek)
Jim King	G	So-1	6-5	235	Boling Brook, Ill. (Boling Brook)
Jo-Jo Lee	TB	Jr-2	5-9	170	Daytona Beach, Fla. (Spruce Creek)
Elliott Mallard	T	Jr-1	6-2	238	Clearwater, Fla. (Catholic)
Lamont Meacham	CB	Sr-3	6-0	170	Claiborne, Pa. (Claiborne)
Mike Miller	P	Jr-2	6-0	165	Frankfort, Ky. (Franklin Co.)
Morrell Moore	NT	Jr-2	6-0	210	Somerset, Ky. (Somerset)
Davlin Mullen	CB	Jr-2	6-1	170	Claiborne, Pa. (Claiborne)
Mark Nelson	FI	Jr-2	6-1	185	Mercer, Pa. (Mercer)
John Newby	SpE	Jr-1	6-0	186	Claiborne, Pa. (Claiborne)
David Norwood	BB	So-1	6-0	195	Louisville, Ky. (Iroquois)
Roy Ray	LB	So-1	6-0	201	Nashville, Tenn. (Stratford)
Scott Rouch	TE	So-1	6-1	234	Galveston, Ind. (Lewis Cass)
Rick Schneider	DE	So-1	6-2	215	Louisville, Ky. (DeSales)
Todd Sims	C	So-1	6-0	212	Louisville, Ky. (Doss)
Pat Simpson	G	Jr-2	6-2	240	Hopkinsville, Ky. (Hopkinsville)
Tommy Smith	TE	Jr-1	6-3	200	Lebanon, Ky. (Marion Co.)
Troy Snardon	FB	Sr-3	6-0	205	Allensville, Ky. (Todd Co.)
David Suggs	SS	Jr-2	6-0	190	Shelbyville, Tenn. (Central)
Tom Tussey	LB	Jr-2	5-11	210	Cattlettsburg, Ky. (Boyd Co.)
Tony Wells	NT	Sr-3	5-9	195	Louisville, Ky. (Manual)
Walter York	BB	So-1	6-2	200	Bowling Green, Ky. (Warren Central)

1981 Freshman Signees

Ty Campbell	FB	Fr	6-1	215	Milton, W.Va. (Milton)
Randy Grimes	FS	Fr	6-0	190	Paducah, Ky. (Tilghman)
Mike Hamilton	DE	Fr	6-1	215	Madisonville, Ky. (North Hopkins)
Glenn Hickman	CB	Fr	6-3	178	Bardstown, Ky. (Bardstown)
Paul Majors	SS	Fr	6-1	170	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. (Mt. Juliet)
James Potter	CB	Fr	6-0	175	Nashville, Tenn. (McGavock)
Scott Travis	QB	Fr	6-3	190	Glasgow, Ky. (Glasgow)
Joel Whitney	LB	Fr	6-1	215	Shelbyville, Tenn. (Central)

OVC Players-of-the-Year

Offense

Dickie Moore, Fullback—1967
John Hall, Quarterback—1979

Defense

John Mutchler, End—1963
Lawrence Brame, End—1969
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Lonnie Schuster, Tackle—1973

Virgil Livers, Back—1974
Rick Green, Linebacker—1975
Biff Madon, Linebacker—1976

OVC Coaches-of-the-Year

1963—Nick Denes
1973—Jimmy Feix

1978—Jimmy Feix
1980—Jimmy Feix